(b) if so, whether Government propose to evolve machinism to protect the globalising developing economics from their adverse fall out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In a regime of floating exchange rates, which is the exchange rate regime followed by most countries today, currency fluctuations take place because of demand and supply factors. The volatility of exchange rates has been deliberated in various international fora in which India plays a significant role. At a commercial level, various techniques of managing foreign exchange exposure are available — such as, forward contracts and swaps.

Opinion given by SEBI on Public Issue

575. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether SEBI will give an opinion on every Public issue offered by Companies;

(b) if so, what kind of grading will be done; and

(c) if not, what service the SEBI will render to gullible investors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has indicated that it has no proposal to give any opinion or grading on public issues offered by companies. The companies entering the capital market for raising funds are required to provide adequate disclosures in the prospectus regarding promoters backgrounds, their contribution to capital and lock in of their shares justification or price, objectives of the issue etc. The investors have to take decisions based on the material disclosures made in the prospectuses.

(c) The offer documents of companies for raising capital are vetted by SEBI and the observations made by SEBI are incorporated in the offer documents by the lead managers so that the investors get comprehensive information before taking a decision to subscribe to a particular issue. The lead managers are also required to submit a due diligence certificate to SEBI while submitting the draft documents for vetting. In addition, they enclose a list of documents checked by them to verify the contents of the offer documents.

After the public issue, the lead managers are required to submit certain reports which help SEBI monitor the despatch of refund orders/share certificates by companies in time and also monitor the timely listing of securities on the stock exchanges.

SEBI has constituted a 12 member committee to review the existing disclosure requirements and to recommend additional measures so that the disclosures assist in achieving investor protection.

Sound N Light Show at Shaniwarwada, Pune

*576 DR BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any project from the Government of Maharashtra for financial assistance for Son-ET LUMIERE (Sound and Light) show at Shaniwarwada and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what decision Government of India have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The